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In the Office Action, claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Horng (2002/0146318), claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang in view of Horng (6,132,170), claims 1 and 3 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Horng in view of Moribe, and claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Prior art Figures 1-2 in view of Moribe.

The gist of this invention is provide a common baseplate which is jointed with a plurality of fan leaves for a cooling fan. As shown in Figures 3, 5 and 6, an important feature of the invention is that the fan leaves are completely disposed above the common baseplate and isolated from the space below the baseplate to reduce wind resistance and to induce stronger negative pressure effect. To accomplish this, the circumferential edge of the baseplate is extended from the shaft assembly more outwardly than the outermost edges of the fan leaves. In other words, there is a gap between the outermost edge of each fan leaf to the edge of the baseplate.

As can be seen from the disclosures of the cited prior arts, the fan leaves of Horng (2002/0146318) have outermost edges either extended more than or in line with the edge of the base plate. Horng (6,132,170) does not disclose a base plate in the cooling fan. The fan leaves of Huang (6,540,476) are in line with the edge of the base plate. Moribe (5,954,124) also discloses fan edges in line with the edge of the base plate (Fig. 3). It is

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evident that none of the cited prior art has shown, taught or suggested the fan leaves and common baseplate of the instant invention in which there is a gap from the outermost edge of each fan leaf to the circumferential edge of the baseplate.

Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to include the limitation that "said baseplate has a circumferential edge extended from said shaft assembly more outwardly than outermost edges of said plurality of fans" to distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention and overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the cited prior arts. The indefiniteness in the original claim 1 is also corrected to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claim 1 should now be allowable. By virtue of dependency, claims 2 and 3 should also be allowable.

From the foregoing discussion, it is clear that the instant invention differs from the cited prior arts. The physical difference results in different effects and is not obvious. Claims 1-3 are now in full condition for allowance. The drawings in FIGs. 1-2 are amended to make the reference legends "A", "A1", "A2", "B" and "B1" consistent with paragraphs 3-4 of the specification. The attached drawing sheets with changes annotated are submitted for approval. Formal drawings will be submitted by post office mail after the application is allowed to ensure adequate quality for patent publication.

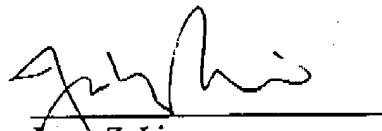
The informalities pointed out by the examiner have been corrected in the above amendment of the specification. In addition, a few other editorial and grammatical errors

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in the specification are also corrected in the above amendment. Prompt and favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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